



## Successful Local Performances *A brief description*

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<b>Type of Arts Ed. Advocacy:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> Mix of Internal/External Advocacy
<b>Brief Description:</b>	<p>Scottsdale USD is struggling financially due to a declining enrollment and cost increases in facility management. Budgets are being dramatically cut district-wide. The district remains committed, however, to a strong fine arts program, and has guaranteed that staffing would remain the same and programs would not be cut.</p> <p>As the fine arts teachers work within the district to showcase our value and the importance of our work, we have discovered the need to better document what students know and are able to do in the arts in Scottsdale. Therefore, the fine arts teachers are working collaboratively to 1) create and refine visual and performing arts assessment formats, 2) provide teachers with tools to increase student performance, and 3) develop a district manual to assist other teachers in developing a variety of visual and performing arts assessment instruments. We hope to showcase improvement in student achievement, as well as to increase teacher effectiveness in the fine arts in Scottsdale USD.</p>